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**From:** Gray, David [gray.david@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 8/31/2017 9:16:05 AM  
**To:** Fife, Greg [fife.greg@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** Re: Arkema in Crosby TX Explodes

Got it

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 31, 2017, at 3:50 AM, Fife, Greg <[fife.greg@epa.gov](mailto:fife.greg@epa.gov)> wrote:

The National Response Center has received a call from Arkema reporting that the facility in Crosby, TX did explode. NRC report attached.

NATIONAL RESPONSE CENTER 1-800-424-8802  
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Incident Report # 1188881

INCIDENT DESCRIPTION

\*Report taken by: CIV BRANDON WEATHERLY at 04:19 on 31-AUG-17

Incident Type: FIXED  
Incident Cause: EXPLOSION  
Affected Area:

Incident was discovered on 31-AUG-17 at 02:45 local incident time.

Affected Medium: AIR /ATMOSPHERE

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REPORTING PARTY

Name: DARYL ROBERTS

Organization: ARKEMA

Address: 900 FIRST AVE.

KING OF PRUSSIA, PA 19406  
Address: [daryl.roberts@arkema.com](mailto:daryl.roberts@arkema.com)

PRIMARY Phone: (251)6047114

Type of Organization: PRIVATE ENTERPRISE

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SUSPECTED RESPONSIBLE PARTY

Name: N/A

Organization: ARKEMA

KING OF PRUSSIA, PA 19406

Type of Organization: PRIVATE ENTERPRISE

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INCIDENT LOCATION

1800 CROSBY EAST GATE RD. County: HARRIS

City: CROSBY State: TX Zip: 77532

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RELEASED MATERIAL(S)

CHRIS Code: UNK Official Material Name: UNKNOWN MATERIAL

Also Known As: UNKNOWN CHEMICALS

Qty Released: 0 UNKNOWN AMOUNT

Qty in Water: 0 UNKNOWN AMOUNT

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DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT

THE RP IS REPORTING A RELEASE OF UNKNOWN CHEMICALS DUE TO A CHEMICAL MANUFACTURING FACILITY EXPLOSION. RP STATED THAT THE EXPLOSION IS BEING LINKED TO POWER OUTAGE AT THE FACILITY AND THE MATERIALS BEING STORED IN THE FACILITY (MOST NOTABLY PEROXIDE). RP STATED THAT THERE WAS A PREVIOUS MANDATORY EVACUATION ORDERED THE LOCAL FIRE CHIEF OF 1.5 MILES. RP STATED THAT THE PLANT WAS ALSO PREVIOUSLY EVACUATED. NO REPORTED INJURIES AT THIS TIME. CURRENTLY THE ONLY BELIEVED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT IS ATMOSPHERE WITH THE CHEMICALS BEING BURNED OFF IN THE EXPLOSION.

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INCIDENT

DETAILS

Package: NO

Building ID:

Type of Fixed Object: CHEMICAL FACILITY

Power Generating Facility: NO

Generating Capacity:

Type of Fuel:

NPDES:  
NPDES Compliance: UNKNOWN

## IMPACT

Fire Involved: YES      Fire Extinguished: NO

INJURIES: NO Hospitalized: NO Empl/Crew: Passenger:

FATALITIES: NO      Empl/Crew:      Passenger:      Occupant:

EVACUATIONS: YES Who Evacuated: EVERYONE Radius/Area: 1.5 Mile(s)

Damages: NO

Hours

Direction

Closure Type	Description of Closure
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Closed

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Air: N

Road:

Major

N

Waterway: N

Track: N

Passengers Transferred: NO

Environmental Impact: UNKNOWN

Media Interest: UNKNOWN Community Impact due to Material:

## REMEDIAL ACTIONS

RP STATED THAT THERE ARE LOCAL FIRE DEPARMENTS ON SCENE RESPONDING.

Release Secured: UNKNOWN

Release Rate:

Estimated Release Duration:

WEATHER

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ADDITIONAL AGENCIES NOTIFIED

Federal:

State/Local:

State/Local On Scene: FD

State Agency Number:

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NOTIFICATIONS BY NRC

CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL (GRASP)

31- 04:33 (770)4887100

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CGIS HOUSTON (SPECIAL AGENT CGIS)

31- 04:33 (409)6827808

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CHEM SAFETY AND HAZARD INVEST BOARD (CSB AUTOMATIC NOTIFICATIONS)

31- 04:33 (202)3780334

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DHS DEFENSE THREAT REDUCTION AGENCY (CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL TECHNOLOGIES DEPARTMENT)

31- 04:33 (703)7673477

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DHS TEXAS FUSION CENTER (INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS)

31- 04:33 (202)3068204

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DOT CRISIS MANAGEMENT CENTER (MAIN OFFICE)

31- 04:33 (202)3661863

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U.S. EPA VI (MAIN OFFICE)

31- 04:35 (866)3727745

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FBI STRATEGIC INFO OPERATIONS CNTR (MAIN OFFICE)

(202)3233300

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA RESPONSE WATCH CENTER)

31- 04:33 (800)6347084  
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 USCG NATIONAL COMMAND CENTER (MAIN OFFICE)  
 31- 04:33 (202)3722100  
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 HOUSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT (CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE DIVISION)  
 31- 04:33 (713)3088700  
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 HOUSTON REGIONAL INTEL SERVICE (FUSION CENTER)  
 31- 04:33 (713)8844710  
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 JFO-LA (COMMAND CENTER)  
 31- 04:33 (225)3366513  
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 NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE COORD CTR (MAIN OFFICE)  
 31- 04:33 (202)2829201  
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 NOAA RPTS FOR TX (MAIN OFFICE)  
 31- 04:33 (206)5264911  
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 NATIONAL RESPONSE CENTER HQ (MAIN OFFICE)  
 31- 04:33  
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 NATIONAL RESPONSE CENTER HQ (AUTOMATIC REPORTS)  
 31- 04:33 (202)2671136  
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 NTSB PIPELINE (MAIN OFFICE)  
 31- 04:33 (202)3146293  
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 HOMELAND SEC COORDINATION CENTER (MAIN OFFICE)  
 31- 04:33 (202)2828300  
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 OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY & HEALTH ADMIN (DALLAS OFFICE)  
 31- 04:33 (801)9180995  
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 PORT OF HOUSTON AUTH POLICE DEPT (POLICE DEPARTMENT)  
 31- 04:33 (713)6703611  
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 PORT OF HOUSTON AUTH POLICE DEPT (HSEES DIRECTOR)  
 31- 04:33 (713)6702642  
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 PIPELINE & HAZMAT SAFETY ADMIN (OFFICE OF PIPELINE SAFETY (AUTO))

31- 04:33 (202)3660568  
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PIPELINE & HAZMAT SAFETY ADMIN (OFFICE OF PIPELINE SAFETY WEEKDAYS (VERBAL))  
  
(202)3661863

REPORTING PARTY (RP SUBMITTER)

31- 04:33  
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RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS (PIPELINE SAFETY)  
31- 04:33 (512)4630503  
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SAN ANTONIO POLICE DEPT (SOUTHWEST FUSION CENTER (SWFC))  
  
31- 04:33 (210)2077680  
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SECTOR HOUSTON-GALVESTON (COMMAND CENTER)  
  
(281)4644855

TCEQ (MAIN OFFICE)

31- 04:33 (800)8328224  
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TCEQ (REGION 12)  
  
31- 04:33 (512)2392507  
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DEPT OF ENERGY STPR (STRATEGIC PETROLEUM RESERVE-EMERGENCY MGMT)  
31- 04:33 (504)7344113  
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TEXAS FUSION CENTER (COUNTER TERRORISM)

31- 04:33 (866)7865972  
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TX GENERAL LAND OFFICE (TXGLO REGION 2)  
31- 04:33 (281)4706597  
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TEXAS STATE OPERATIONS CENTER (COMMAND CENTER)  
31- 04:33 (512)4242208  
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USCG DISTRICT 8 (MAIN OFFICE)  
  
31- 04:33 (504)5896225  
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USCG DISTRICT 8 (PLANNING)  
04:33 (504)6712080

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U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE (REGION 2 SPILL RESPONSE COORDINATOR)  
31- 04:33 (505)2486652  
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

\*\*RP WILL NOTIFY DHS, USCG, TCEQ, AND HARRIS COUNTY NEXT.

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\*\*\* END INCIDENT REPORT #

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